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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendments and amendments filed June 15, 2006 is acknowledged and entered.
2. Claims 7-9 have been cancelled and new claims 10-21 have been entered. Accordingly claims 1-6 and 10-21 are pending.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The phrase "coupling pyrrole monomer directly to a protein to be attached to said conductive support" in claims 1 is not supported by the original disclosure. Specification discloses coupling of protein to an activated pyrrole and pyrrole is activated with N-hydroxy succinimide or maleimide ester (see line 29, page 10 to line 14, page 11.) and therefore, proteins are not directly coupled to the ring of pyrrole monomer.

***Response to Applicant's argument***

5. Applicant's arguments filed 6/15/06 have been fully considered, and are persuasive to overcome the rejections under 35 USC §112 and 35 USC §103, but applicant's amendments to claims necessitated new grounds of rejection under 35 USC §112 first paragraph (new matter) as described in above paragraph.

Applicants argued that Livache does not describe how to couple a peptide directly to a pyrrole. Applicants further argued that in Livache reference, the biomolecule is not directly attached to a pyrrole ring because an additional specific oligonucleotide linker is interposed between the two molecular moieties (i.e. pyrrole and peptide). Specification of present application discloses coupling of protein to pyrrole through linker or coupling group, not directly to pyrrole ring. As disclosed in the specification, pyrrole is activated with N-hydroxy succinimide or maleimide ester prior to coupling to proteins (see line 29, page 10 to line 14, page 11. See also examples of activated pyrrole in page 11) and after coupling to protein, there may be linking portion interposed between the pyrrole ring and the protein. Therefore, coupling of protein directly to ring of pyrrole monomer is not supported in the specification.

Applicant's incorporation of the phrase "coupling pyrrole monomer directly to a protein to be attached to said conductive support" in claim 1, do not have support in the specification. However, rejections under 35 USC 103 of last office action (12/15/05) are withdrawn in view of incorporation of the limitation "coupling a pyrrole monomer directly to a protein to be attached to said conductive support", but

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applicants is advised that the rejection would be reinstated if the phrase "coupling a pyrrole monomer directly to a protein to be attached to said conductive support" were deleted from claim 1.

***Conclusion***

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

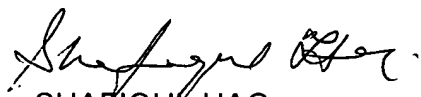
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shafiqul Haq whose telephone number is 571-272-6103. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long V. Le can be reached on 571-272-0823. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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